



# HOCKEY NEW ZEALAND COVID-19

## Return to Community Hockey Guidelines

### PHASE

# 01

### GETTING READY TO TRAIN

#### SYSTEMS & PROCESS DEVELOPMENT

#### WHAT

- Plans and processes put in place to meet Health & Safety requirements
- Plans and processes put in place to meet contract tracing requirements

#### TIMELINE

- Begins 12th May, 2020
- Varies in length depending on size, scale and capacity of association/club
- Cannot leave this phase until 1) all obligations met as a legally constituted organisation and 2) there has been approval from your board
- New Zealand enters alert level 2 on 14th May, this is the earliest any activity could commence

### PHASE

# 02

### PREPARE TO PLAY

#### TRAINING

#### WHAT

- Associations and clubs have all health and safety and contact tracing systems and protocols in place.
- Training can recommence allowing athletes and teams to prepare themselves for competition.
- Groups must be **limited to 10** including all coaches (reviewed on 25th May) and all additional protocols must be met.
- Associations and clubs will make decisions on competition structures and playing opportunities.
- Health and Safety and contact tracing systems will be reviewed and refined for added complexity once competition commences.

#### TIMELINE

- Associations and clubs likely to move into this phase between 18th May and 1st June (this date will vary depending on each association and clubs preparedness).
- It is recommended that the majority of hockey recommence post the 25th May announcement assuming this allows an increase in the mass gathering numbers
- From the 6th June teams will be able to recommence preseason games (dependent on 25th May announcement).

*Athlete loading and welfare is imperative during this phase taking into account lack of recent hockey activity and likely other pressures individuals are facing*

### PHASE

# 03

### RETURN TO PLAY

#### COMPETITION

#### WHAT

- Hockey competition can recommence pending 25th May government announcement increasing mass gathering restrictions.
- A staggered approach to competition implementation would be advantageous across adult and junior hockey to ensure Association and club capacity to implement all of the systems and processes required to keep our people safe.
- Consideration must be given to athlete welfare particularly in earlier stages of this competition period to ensure a graduated return to competition hockey.

**Note:** This stage cannot recommence under the current mass gathering restrictions

#### TIMELINE

- 13th June is earliest competition could commence although is likely to be later depending on national guidelines and local preparedness
- Hockey season to be finished prior to the start of term 4 in order to support players who play summer sport.

*It is important that athletes are not overloaded after a period of limited hockey activity and that the whole of players workload is taken into account (club and school)*